

MEET OUR THERAPEUTIC ANIMALS

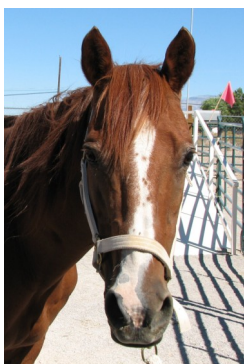


BUDDY

Buddy is registered with the American Quarter Horse Association. He is a 10 year old buckskin gelding. Buddy was previously a cattle horse and was donated to Spirit Therapies by Ed DeFreeze and Jamie Boisselle. He is very playful, curious and loves attention. Spirit Therapies initiated a new program September 11, 2009 called Horses Healing Heroes (a therapeutic horseback riding program for our military/veteran heroes. Buddy is the lead horse in this program.

DOC

Doc is a registered quarter horse gelding; 26 years old. He was a team roping horse, trail horse and western pleasure horse. After an injury, he became a child's pleasure horse. Doc is a very cooperative and loving horse. He has adapted to the therapeutic program very well. He aims to please and will do anything you ask of him.



DOIT

Doit is the elder of our group at 30 years of age. Doit is a quarter horse gelding. He was a barrel racing champion in his younger days. Doit is a registered quarter horse. Doit has been in the therapeutic riding program for 17 years. He really loves people and the children with special needs. Don't be surprised if he actually snuggles with you. He also loves to test every new volunteer to see what they can do and what type of skills they have. Doit is our Houdini of the group. He loves to open the gates if the opportunity arises and let all the horses out for a romp. He is very playful even in his older age. One thing about Doit is his response to the emotions of the people and children he comes in contact with.

DUSTY

Dusty, actually named Go Dusty Vegas, is a registered quarter horse gelding, 16 years old. He is a very stocky horse which was needed in the program for larger individuals. Dusty was donated by Toni Gillespie. He is a good trail horse. Dusty is very playful, full of energy and likes to play games with you; the more interaction the better. Dusty has proved himself to be a very valuable therapeutic horse and is doing very well. He is also another Houdini.





GRACIE

Gracie is an 15 year old pure black miniature horse. Gracie is a nice mare who has had several foals in her younger days. She was donated by Julie Wallbright, The Tack Shack. She loves kids and due to her size, has a calming effect on the children. When she is turned out in the arena for exercise, she runs like the wind. She also thinks she is a big horse and it is hard to convince her she is any different. She likes to be loved and petted, but don't touch her ears!!! Gracie is also our mascot and official Welcoming Committee member.

PABLO

Pablo is a Mustang from the Tonopah Wild Horse Range. He is also registered with the American Indian Horse Registry. Misty Becker donated Pablo to Spirit Therapies. He is 10 years old, a gelding, and the youngest of our therapeutic horses. Pablo loves to play. He is the herd leader. Pablo is still in training, but doing very well and learns very fast. He is a very smart horse. Pablo is fitting in as a therapeutic horse nicely.



PASSEM

Passem, formal name "Better Passem", is registered with the American Quarter Horse Association. Passem was previously a cattle horse. He is an 20 year old gelding donated by Ed DeFreeze and Jamie Boisselle. Passem is a very loving horse and loves attention. With his personality and training, we have been able to put him right into both Spirit Therapy program.



HARMONY

Harmony was sent by her previous owners to a Utah Horse Auction; her destiny was not good. The people at the auction, seeing that she was a special horse, called Shiloh Horse Rescue in Sandy Valley CA to come save her! Jill Curtis, owner of Shiloh Horse Rescue, knew Spirit Therapies was looking for another horse and called us. It was instant love! Jill donated Harmony that day. She is a grey "flea bitten" mare, 24 year old Arab-Quarter horse. Harmony is currently in training as a therapeutic horse, but she is already participating in the rider sessions. We have big hopes for her. Needless to say all the geldings perked up upon her arrival!!



OLIVER

Oliver is an 8 year old Mustang. His mother was in foal and captured in the Red Rock Recreation Area. She was taken to the Oliver Ranch in that location. She foaled in captivity; thus Oliver! Jean Miller who is 83 years old, purchased Oliver from the BLM when his mother died in captivity. She has raised him from 6 months old. Jean felt at her age it was time to find a new home for Oliver and donated him to Spirit Therapies. He is definitely the “clown” of Spirit’s herd as you can see by the picture to the right! He is a teenager and is in training to become a therapeutic horse.

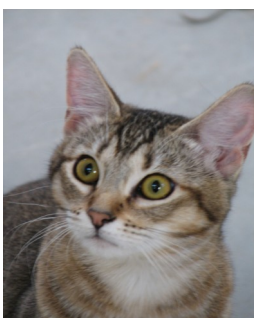
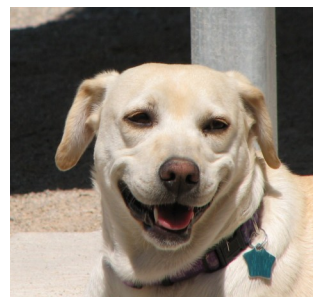


SHELBY

Shelby is a 6 year old black female Labrador/Sheppard “hound dog” mix. Shelby was rescued, along with her mother and siblings, from the local desert. She especially has a connection with Autistic children. Shelby loves people, is very playful, and loves to hunt the field mice that like to come to Spirit Therapies for a snack and shelter. She is also one of our mascots and official Welcoming Committee member.

TOBIE

Tobie is a 8 year old blond Labrador female who was rescued from the Dewey Animal Shelter. Tobie may be blond, but she is very smart, friendly, loves people and especially our children with special needs. She is also a lover of snacks! She is one of our mascots and official Welcoming Committee member.



TINKER BELL

Tinker Bell is our barn kitty. She is part Abyssinian and was given to Spirit Therapies when her owners were giving kittens away at a park. She just turned 2 years old on Valentine’s Day. Tinker Bell is always on the “hunt”. She has turned into a very good mouser for Spirit.

AUSTIN

Austin was donated by Megan Glimp. Apparently Austin felt he was totally in charge of Megan and when Megan married Scott, he decided it was time to “mark” his territory. This was not acceptable so Austin became Spirit’s second barn kitty. He is pitch black with bright green eyes and if you look in the hay shed you will find those eyes staring at you. He is really happy to be a therapeutic cat, although .. it took him 3 months to make that decision!



BUGSY

Tinker Bell, our barn kitty, went out hunting one day and brought us back a baby cottontail bunny. She carried him very gently; not hurting him at all. We figure she was treating him as her kitten. Laurie was able to confiscate the bunny and “Bugsy” is now serving his duty as a therapeutic bunny for Spirit Therapies. Sometimes we question Tinker Bell’s intent though, because we catch her looking at him in his cage and “licking her chops”!